റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: സർട്ടിഫിക്കേറ്റ് വാങ്ങിക്കാണിച്ചാൽ മതി.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. രാജാ: വാസ്തവത്തിൽ വഞ്ചിക്കാരൻ അവരെ കളിപ്പിക്കയല്ലെ ചെയ്യുന്നു?

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN THE STATE

15. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what are the different standards of the weights and measures extant in the State;

(b) what are the objections to the enforcement of uniformity in the weights and measures all over the State;

(c) have Government thought it necessary to take any steps to enforce a common standard of weights and measures in the State?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(a) The primary standard of weight is the "Rathal" and weighs 42 1/2 British Rupees. The primary standard for measures of capacity is an "Edangazhi" and is capable of holding 44 ounces of water.

(b) There is no want of uniformity in the case of measures. In the case of weights, authorised weights are also used in addition to standard weights. The question of uniformity with regard to weights is still unsettled in British India. A decision of the question of standardisation of weights all over India should precede standardisation in our State, as we have to deal with outside parties in our transactions to a large extent.

(c) Yes. It has been under consideration for a long time past. The Madras legislation in the matter is being awaited.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Is there a rathal less than 42½ rupees weight?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhthassan *(Urakam)* Is there any other Rathal or weight like that?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are many 42½ rupees weight is one, then 39-8/9 rupees weight is another. It is the ordinary pound.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* What other weights are used in the State?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member's question is very obscure. The question is what are the different standard weights and measures in existence in the State.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are various weights other than standard weights. There are any number of these. Pages 637 to 640 of the Land Revenue Manuel Appendix 16 will show all these. For weighing several things several kinds of wieghts are used.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഐ. വേലായുധൻ: ഇവിടെ Standard പറ നടപ്പാക്കണമെന്ന ഉദ്ദേശ്യമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: നടപ്പാക്കിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഐ. വേലായുധൻ: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞഴിവൻപറ, തലപ്പള്ളി പറ എന്നിങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പറ ഇവിടെയുള്ളതായി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനറിയാമൊ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That question has not arisen here. With regard to uniformity there is only one recognised measure which is the standard measure. No other measures are used here at all.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് റാത്തൽ ഇവിടെ ഉപയോഗിക്കാറുണ്ടൊ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is a standard weight and there are authorised weights. There is an idea of having one standard weight throught India. That matter is under the consideration of the Government of India and we are waiting a legislation that is likely to come into force very soon. There is also a legislation contemplated in the Madras Province. As soon as that comes we shall adopt it.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ഇതിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒന്നുമാത്രമാക്കുന്നതിൽ എന്താണ് വിരോധം?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Both can be used.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: What is the authorised weight in all transactions?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There are two weights, the lb. and rathal.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: ഫെയർ പ്രൈസ് ഷാപ്പിൽ ഏതു weight ആണ് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: Fair Price Shop-ൽ പൌണ്ട്സാണ് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്.

CATTLE POUNDS IN VILLAGES

16. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have prepared any scheme for establishing cattle pounds in the villages;

(*b*) the number of pounds already in existence with the names of the locality in which they are established?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 98. For the locality in which they are estab'ished. (Please see Appendix II).

AGRICULTURAL LOANS—1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120

17. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Agricultural Loans applications received by the Tahsildar of Talappalli in the years 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120 with their respective dates of receipt;

(*b*) the number of them granted or otherwise disposed of with respective dates of dispcsal;

(*c*) the number of them undisposed of and the reasons for the delay, if any?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) 1117 .. 8
1118 .. 4
1119 .. 3
1120 .. nil. For dates of receipt please see list appended. *(Appendix III)*

(*b*) Sanctioned .. 4
Refused .. 8
Withdrawn .. 3

For dates of disposal please see list appended. *(Appendix III)*

(*c*) Nil. The delay was caused by the enquiries to be made regarding the financial position and *bonafides* of the applicants.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know, Sir, in Appendix III what exactly is the distinction between the terms 'refused' and 'not sanctioned'.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is no distinction. That is the word used in the order.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I take it 'not sanctioned' as 'refused'?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

INDEX OF COST OF LIVING—PREPARATION OF

18. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have begun preparing and publishing the index of cost of living in Cochin and from what date;

(*b*) whether they have any idea of what the cost of living has been for the last 3 months?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Government have been preparing the cost of living index numbers for the towns of Trichur and Ernakulam basing them on the Calicut data and weightage from 1st January 1944 onwards. The figures have not yet been published since their accuracy is to be tested on the basis of the figures worked out with the date and weightage to be fixed as a result of the family budget enquiry recently conducted in our State.

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